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SUBJECT: PROPOSED EXPORT OF US EQUIPMENT TO PRAGUE
INSTITUTE

REF: A) BEWT CASE 243764, B) COCOM DOC (77) 194

1. THE EAST-WEST DIGEST, A BRITISH PUBLICATION, IN ITS
JUNE 1975 ISSUE QUOTED AN HUNGARIAN EXILE PUBLICATION,
DONAU BOTE, PUBLISHED IN MUNICH ON SUBJECT OF THE
"INSTITUTE FOR APPLIED MATHEMATICAL COMPUTER TECHNOLOGY"
IN PRAGUE (WHICH IS A POSSIBLE END USER FOR U.S. EQUIPMENT)
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AS FOLLOWS:

"USING THE CAMOUFLAGE NAME OF 'INSTITUTE FOR APPLIED
MATHEMATICAL COMPUTER TECHNOLOGY', THE CZECH STATE
SECURITY POLICE HAS ESTABLISHED A CENTRE FOR THE SIFTING
OF ALL MAIL EXCHANGE BETWEEN CZECH CITIZENS AND FOREIGN
COUNTRIES IN THE PRAGUE SUBURB OF PANKRAC. THE NAMES AND

ADDRESSES OF ALL CZECHS AND SLOVAKS RECEIVING MAIL FROM THE WEST OR WRITING TO ADDRESSES IN THE WEST ARE REGISTERED HERE AND STORED WITH THE HELP OF MODERN COMPUTERS OBTAINED FROM SWEDEN, THE UNITED STATES, AND THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY.

"THE FINDINGS ARE THEN TURNED OVER TO THE LOCAL BRANCHES

OF THE STATE SECURITY POLICE. THE PRESIDUM OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK COMMUNIST PARTY IS KEPT REGULARLY INFORMED OF THE ACTIVITIES OF THIS SUPPOSEDLY 'SCIENTIFIC' INSTITUTE. ALL OF ITS EMPLOYEES MUST TAKE A SPECIAL OATH, PLEDGING THEM TO ABSOLUTE SECRECY ABOUT THE ACTIVITIES AND FINDINGS OF THIS INSTITUTE."

2. COMMERCE HAS RECEIVED A LICENSE APPLICATION FOR THE EXPORT OF U.S. ORIGIN PERIPHERAL EQUIPMENT TO BE USED IN A BRITISH ICL 1904S COMPUTER SYSTEM FOR THE INSTITUTE FOR THE APPLICATION (USE) OF COMPUTER TECHNOLOGY, BUBENECKA 22, PRAGUE 6. SOME SOURCES INDICATE THAT THIS INSTITUTE IS THE SAME AS THE ONE DESCRIBED IN PARA 1.

3. DOES THE EMBASSY HAVE ANY REASON TO BELIEVE THAT THE TWO INSTITUTES ARE THE SAME AND IS THERE ANY INFORMATION TO SUPPORT THE ALLEGATIONS OF THE ARTICLE IN THE EAST-WEST DIGEST? WE APPRECIATE THAT EMBASSY NOT IN POSITION TO INVESTIGATE SUCH A REPORT, BUT WE WOULD WELCOME WHATEVER COMMENTS YOU HAVE. VANCE

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